

MINUTES
LCWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 21, 2020

PRESENT: Directors Marc Liechti, Jim Heim, Roxanne Wadman, Howard Cicon, and Todd Fleming, and employees Rodney Olson, General Manager, and Beth Dotson, Secretary

ABSENT: None

Director Liechti called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Director Cicon to accept the agenda as presented. Director Fleming seconded, and motion carried.

VISITORS: Nicole Noonan, Auditor

Nicole presented the 2019 Audit Report. She identified one area for improvement involving compensated absences. Her recommendation has been implemented. Also noted is the deficiency involving LCWSD's knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles. As in the past, this deficiency is remedied by contracting with Nicole Noonan, CPA.

She also noted that the water fund needs to be addressed. Though there are sufficient monies in the water fund for the upcoming period, there is no cushion should a major project arise.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the June 16, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Director Heim to accept the minutes as presented. Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial reports were presented by the General Manager. A motion was made by Director Heim to approve the financial report. Director Cicon seconded, and motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Heim to approve Resolution 20-2 that authorizes participation in the Board of Investments of the State of Montana's Short-term Investment Pool (STIP). Director Cicon seconded, and motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL: Accounts payable for June 2020 were reviewed, and expenses of note discussed.

The Capital One credit card statements for June 2020 were also reviewed.

A motion was made by Director Wadman to approve the bills. Director Cicon seconded, and motion carried.

DELINQUENT REPORT: Due to the Corona Pandemic late fees were not assessed for June 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rates Committee – the Committee presented their findings and recommendations. It was suggested that a five-year plan be established to bring the differing rates of the four (4) water systems into one rate for all systems. A public hearing will be required. Montana Rural Water will be asked to run this meeting. They will be contacted to schedule a meeting after the first of the year.

New Lakeside Well – two (2) consulting firms provided quotes. A motion was made by Director Cicon to accept the proposal from Water and Environmental Technologies (WET). Director Wadman seconded, and motion carried. The currently identified site for the new well will require a 100-foot protection zone around the well. This will require a variance or easement(s).

Projects Update

Lakeside Club – none

Lakeside Estates Phase 3 – none

Blacktail Estates – The new sewer lines have been installed & tested. The water lines are being installed over the next couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

There were three (3) new sewer hookups inside the District boundaries and one (1) sewer connection outside District boundaries (Somers).

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Dotson, Secretary

(NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020)